primitive simplicity he had much better go, as quickly as possible, for it will shortly be too late even there, to Central Africa. And if he wants to get every material necessity for nothing he had better shoot himself at once, for as far as I know such things are not to be obtained without labour save, on some accounts, on the Astral Plane.

As a matter of fact, I wish to write deliberately even more strongly than this. The average young tourist who comes to Tahiti runs an even greater chance of contracting venereal disease than anywhere else perhaps in the world. The average lunatic in search of the simple life usually leaves in six months to rid himself of elephantiasis or something worse. The individual who, with the best will in the world, seeks in Tahiti an easy living, almost certainly departs broken-hearted in less. You cannot do the Hermann Melville stunt at all,

there is no scope for intelligence, and in the ordinary labour market you must compete with half-caste Chinese. It is just possible to marry a rich half-caste and live for the rest of your life on her property, but the chance is only about as good as that of winning a first prize in the Calcutta sweep,